

THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS SILVER ANNIVERSARY

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 1996*

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the National Women's Political Caucus [NWPC] on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

The National Women's Political Caucus is a grassroots organization committed to increasing the number of women holding elected and appointed office in the U.S. Government. Since its founding in 1971, NWPC has supported the efforts of women seeking political office, regardless of party affiliation.

Thanks in part to NWPC's multifaceted agenda of support for women seeking political office, our Nation has benefited from a continued increase in women's political participation. Over the past 25 years, America has seen the number of women in State legislatures jump from 362 to 1,536 and the number of women in Congress grow from 15 to 58.

NWPC is instrumental to women seeking political office and to women facing the challenges of holding office once elected. Many women get their start in politics through their involvement in local chapters of the caucus across the country. NWPC's educational programs, campaign training, and grassroots opportunities are invaluable for women candidates as they rise up through the ranks of the political world.

The NWPC helps women gain elected and appointed office by holding campaign workshops, providing campaign support, and encouraging the appointment of women to policy-making posts. The caucus also conducts research on women as candidates, using the results of these studies to increase the number of winning women candidates. For women in office, the caucus provides networking opportunities and forums for discussion, including newsletters for and about women in politics.

As the cochair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, I know how important it is to elect women to Congress. Although we come from many different backgrounds and have different areas of expertise, we share a common commitment and perspective that has already improved the political landscape for American women. From issues ranging from women's health to women's economic equity, Congresswomen are making a difference. The National Women's Political Caucus has been a driving force in opening up political office to women, and I sincerely thank NWPC for its outstanding work. Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the National Women's Political Caucus for its commitment to the support and advancement of women in politics.

THANK YOU, MARLENE MOULDER,  
FOR YOUR LOYAL SERVICE

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it was with mixed emotions that I announced last De-

cember 11 my decision to retire from the House at the conclusion of my current term. As I explained at the time, the decision to retire was made more difficult because of the loyalty and dedication of my staff and because of the genuine friendship I feel for them. Each one of them has served the men and women of Texas' Eighth Congressional District in an extraordinary way.

Today, I want to thank one member of my staff, Marlene Moulder, a staff assistant in my Humble office, for everything she's done for me and my constituents in the 11 years that she has worked in my office.

A native of Houston, Marlene has overseen my service academy nominations board, which recommends outstanding young men and women for appointments to the Nation's four service academies, since she joined my staff. The nominating process in my office is highly competitive, strictly merit based, and scrupulously fair. As a result, it is considered one of the most successful such programs in the Nation; 161 young men and women living in the Eighth Congressional District have received appointments to the service academies since Marlene began managing the program in early 1986. Much of the credit for the program's success can be directly attributed to the dedication and hard work that Marlene devotes to it.

Indeed, Marlene's work with the board and the Nation's service academies led to her receiving the Air Force Association's Civilian of the Year award in 1988, and the U.S. Air Force Academy recognition award from the San Jacinto Association of Air Force Academy graduates in 1992. Marlene has been asked to address educators, other congressional staffers, parents, students, and service academy liaison officials regarding how the academy nominating process works.

In addition to her service academy responsibilities, Marlene has handled tour and flag requests, as well as receptionist and secretarial duties during her years on my staff. Perhaps Marlene's greatest strength is her ability to work well with people, constituents and co-workers alike, to resolve problems or answer questions from constituents, and to help ensure that whatever needs to get done in my office actually gets done.

Marlene has been an active member of several civic groups during her tenure in my office, serving as treasurer and then president of the Channelview Channelette Booster Club. She also has volunteered her time and talents to the Sterling Forest Civic Association, the Sterling Shadows Neighborhood Watch program, and the Channelview ISD advisory board for fundraising guidelines.

Marlene is deeply devoted to her wonderful daughter, Carrie, who is currently a senior at Loyola University in New Orleans.

Marlene Moulder is one of those hard-working men and women who make all of us in this institution look better than we deserve. I know she has done that for me, and I appreciate this opportunity to publicly thank her for the dedication, loyalty and professionalism she has exhibited throughout the years it has been my privilege to know and work with her.

Marlene has yet to make a definite decision about what she wants to do in the years ahead. But I am confident that the skills and the personal qualities she has demonstrated in my office will lead to continued success in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I know you join with me in saying thank you to Marlene Moulder for her years of loyal service to me, to the men and women of Texas' Eighth Congressional District, and to this great institution. And I know you join with me in wishing Marlene, and her daughter Carrie, and the best in the years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM  
E. EICHER, U.S. ARMY, RET.

HON. FLOYD SPENCE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the illustrious career of Maj. Gen. William E. Eicher, U.S. (Ret.), who officially retired as vice president of technical services of the American Defense Preparedness Association on August 31 of this year. General Eicher will be honored officially on September 16 with the William R. Moseley Award for excellence in munitions management. This award was established in 1982 and named after a long time executive and chairman of the board of Day and Zimmermann, Inc., a Pennsylvania based munitions producer. The William R. Moseley Award panel has selected General Eicher because he has made the greatest overall contribution to the munitions program this year.

I had the pleasure of meeting General Eicher and recognized in him an earnest commitment to the security of this great Nation. His career is one threaded with remarkable accomplishments, and so I wish to share with my colleagues some of the highlights of General Eicher's 44 years of distinguished service to our Nation.

General Eicher was a commander, logistician, staff officer, and systems manager during 32 years of active military service. He commanded logistical activities both at retail and wholesale levels. Similarly, he was also involved in the acquisition, production, and distribution of material. He was on the staff of the Army Material Command as director of maintenance. His responsibilities included directing that Command's worldwide maintenance management program. As Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics on the Army staff, he assisted in the worldwide management of all aspects of the Army's complex logistic structure.

For over 5 years he was commander of the Army's Armament Material Readiness Command and was responsible for dispensing operable/quality munitions and armament material worldwide to the Department of Defense and Allied Forces. He controlled multifaceted operations in such disciplines as procurement, industrial operations, material and maintenance management, personnel, management information systems, engineering quality assurance, and financial management. Inherent in General Eicher's role as commander were the responsibilities to plan, organize, review, and manage people and things.

He exercised extensive responsibilities in the management of weapon systems and conventional munitions, and he was deeply involved in the acquisition and production of both weapons/ammunition. His working knowledge of armaments supply and maintenance activities of fielded systems gave him unique